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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PM ROWLING SAYS SPNFZ CONCEPT IS DESIGNED TO AVOID "ANOTHER INDIAN OCEAN DILEMMA" AND CONTAINS NOTHING "WHICH CUTS ACROSS THE ANZUS ALLIANCE". END SUMMARY

2. DURING MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS SEPT. 22 PM ROWLING SAID GNZ LAUNCHED SPNFZ CONCEPT TO KEEP ITS PART OF WORLD FROM BECOMING MAJOR AREA OF TENSION LIKE INDIAN OCEAN; "IT WILL BE NO USE WRINGING OUR HANDS WHEN THE SHIPS AND
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SUBMARINES OF THE MAJOR NATIONS WITH THEIR DEADLY NUCLEAR

WEAPONS ARE SHADOWING EACH OTHER IN THE WATERS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC".

3. REFERRING TO GNZ'S REQUEST FOR UN ENDORSEMENT OF CONCEPT AND FOR COUNTRIES OF REGION TO TRANSLATE CONCEPT INTO REALITY, PM SAID NZ IS NOT ADOPTING "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" APPROACH. IT AIMS FOR ARRANGEMENTS WHICH: TAKE ALL LEGITIMATE INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT; ACKNOWLEDGE RIGHT OF SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES TO CONTROL THEIR DESTINIES; AND PRESERVE BALANCE ON WHICH PEACE DEPENDS. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT "THROUGH DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT BY PLACING EMPHASIS ON COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP".

4. PM DESCRIBED ANZUS AS PARTNERSHIP OF COUNTRIES WITH SHARED TRADITIONS AND COMMON INTERESTS IN STABILITY AND WELL-BEING OF PACIFIC. HE OBSERVED THE ALLIANCE DOES NOT SAY ANYONE MUST GIVE UP INDEPENDENCE OR FORFEIT THEIR PLACE. "OUR ALLIES DON'T WANT YES-MEN. THEY WANT FRIENDS WHO THINK FOR THEMSELVES."

5. ROWLING CONTINUED "OUR AMERICAN ALLIES HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT OUR PROPOSALS. IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF THEY DIDN'T. BUT THEY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR RIGHT, AS PRESIDENT FORD TOLD ME EARLIER THIS YEAR, TO PURSUE POLICIES WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL ALLOW OUR REGION TO DEVELOP IN PEACE. THEY KNOW WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OUR SOUTH PACIFIC NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING PAPUA NEW GUINEA. . . AND I BELIEVE THEY WILL FIND AS OUR DISCUSSIONS PROCEED THAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM OURS."

6. OPPOSITION LEADER MULDOON, ASKED BY PRESS FOR HIS VIEW FOLLOWING ROWLING'S ADDRESS, REPLIED THAT HE THINKS SPNFZ IDEA IS IMPRACTICABLE, AND AS EXAMPLE OF ITS IMPRACTICABILITY SAID RUSSIANS ALREADY HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS THAT COULD REACH NEW ZEALAND.
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